



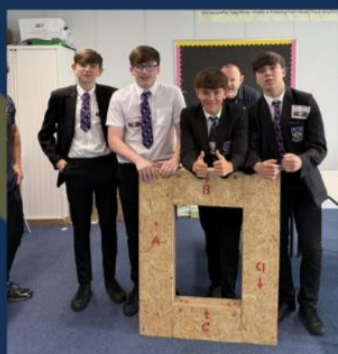
THE ARROW

YOUR HALF TERMLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
FROM ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH CATHOLIC ACADEMY



SCHOOL'S OUT, SUMMER'S ON!

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on the many memorable moments we've shared as a school community. From exciting rewards trips and inspiring celebration assemblies to our wonderful Prom and successful Transition Day, there has been so much to celebrate. We hope you enjoy looking back at some of the highlights, and we wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year.



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Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for 2025-26. It has been another busy and successful year at St Edmund Arrowsmith and I am immensely proud of the hard work of our staff and the way in which our pupils have embraced every opportunity available to them.

Throughout the year I have had the privilege of meeting many parents and carers at school events, celebrations and meetings. It has been lovely to hear your positive feedback and to work together to ensure the very best outcomes for our young people. The support we receive from families is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in the success of our school.

This year we have seen improvements in attendance and behaviour across all year groups. Pupils have shown resilience, determination and a commitment to making the most of their education. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils taking part in enrichment activities, sporting events, performances and community projects throughout the year.

One of the greatest highlights of my role is seeing the pride pupils take in their work and achievements. Our 'Proud Table' continues to be one of my favourite parts of the school day, giving pupils the opportunity to share work they are proud of and celebrate their success. I also enjoy attending award ceremonies, performances and celebration events where we recognise the many accomplishments of our pupils.

It was lovely to welcome our new Year 7 pupils and their families during our transition events. They approached the experience with enthusiasm and positivity, and we look forward to welcoming them officially into our school community in September.

We have also celebrated many achievements across the school this year, both academic and personal. It has been wonderful to recognise the hard work, kindness, leadership and contribution of so many pupils. We are particularly looking forward to celebrating the GCSE successes of our Year 11 pupils later in the summer.

I would like to thank all pupils, parents, carers, governors and staff for their support throughout the year. Together we have achieved a great deal and I am proud of all that we have accomplished as a school community.

I wish you all a happy and restful summer holiday and look forward to working with you again when pupils return in September. Year 7 and Year 11 return on Wednesday 2nd September and Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Thursday 3rd September.

With very best wishes,

Mrs McKenna
Headteacher

As always at the end of the academic year staff move on to new posts and so we say farewell to the following staff:

- Mrs Hesketh
- Mrs Price
- Mr Musker
- Mrs Moore
- Mrs Ball
- Mrs O'Neill
- Ms Murphy

We thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them every success in the future.

I am pleased to announce that we have already welcomed a number of new staff to our school community:

- Miss Moss – Head of Year
- Miss Ward – Family Support Worker
- Mrs Broadbent – Attendance Officer
- Mrs Pennington – Head of Year
- Mr El-Agaty – Science Teacher

Staff joining us in September:

- Mrs Roberts – Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Oakes – Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Speer – Associate Assistant Headteacher (Maths & Foundational Knowledge)
- Mr Byrne Davies – Maths Teacher



Well done to all of our sports teams and clubs – once again, we have had another brilliantly successful half term, full of victories and fun.
#UpTheEddies!

She Inspires – Football Event

In June, Mrs Ross took a group of our footballers to the 'She Inspires' football event. The event is designed to offer girls better opportunities in football and to help them in reaching their full potential. Our girls took part in fun, motivational football sessions delivered by professional coaches.



Final Football Match of 25-26

The final football match of the academic year saw Year 9 team play against Kirkby in extremely warm conditions!

The final score was SEACA 12 – 0 Kirkby, a huge victory for us.

We had 21 players from both the B and C teams, who shared game time.

This was a really exciting game to watch, thank you to all the supporters who came to cheer us on!

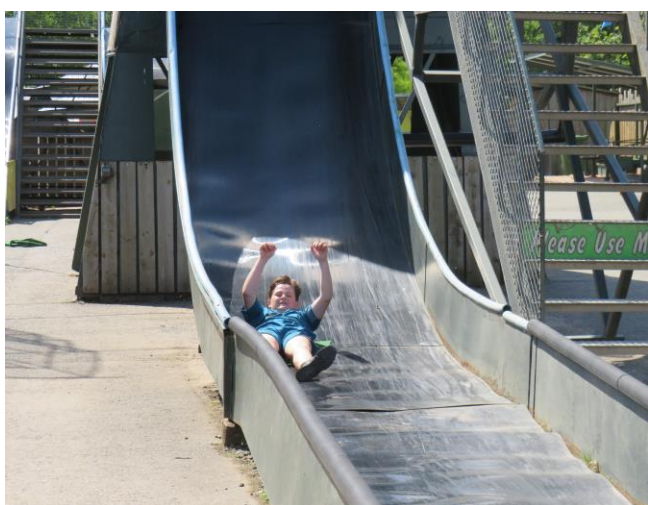


Keep up to date with us

Keep up to date with all our trips, events, progress, sports achievements and more via our Instagram:
[@SaintEdmundArrowsmithCA](https://www.instagram.com/SaintEdmundArrowsmithCA)



The Year 7 & 8 end of year reward trip to Crocky Trail was huge hit! The students enjoyed a fun-filled day of outdoor adventure – they followed the trail, tested their strength on the climbing equipment and enjoyed the various slides and obstacle courses.





Last week, our Year 9 & 10 enjoyed a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach to celebrate the end of a successful year. The day was filled with laughter, and it was a great opportunity for students to spend time with friends, build confidence and create lasting memories outside of the classroom. Thank you to all the staff who helped to organise and supervise such a successful trip, and thanks to the students for representing the school so well throughout the day!





Celebrating our FAITH IN ACTION Students

This year a number of pupils have been working on their PIN and Bronze Faith in Action Award, by being involved in the life of their parish and school. Our Faith in Action group regularly read and serve in their local parishes. In school they plan liturgies and support chaplaincy activities including fundraising, coffee mornings and Celebration of the Word assemblies. They are really building up their skills and developing their faith. The young people were celebrated in a special award ceremony in Lowe House, St Helens and rewarded with a fun day and ice cream in the grounds. We had an excellent day, and these young people are excellent ambassadors of faith in school.

Pin Award

Edward Y7

Kiera Y7

Bronze Award Recipients

Melodie Y7

Ashwin Y7

Joyal Y7

James Y8

Leeva Y7

Esther Y7



Confirmations

Pupils from Year 8 at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy were confirmed in their local parishes. There was a lovely celebration held at Our Lady and St Joseph in Prescott in July with Archbishop John Sherrington. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them as they take responsibility for their faith.

Care Home Week



As part of Care Home Week students were invited to The Orchards Care Home in Huyton. They spent the morning taking part in activities and discussions with the residents, sharing their experiences of life growing up. The students had a fantastic experience and really enjoyed chatting to the residents.



Looking after our Memorial Garden

Pupils from the Chaplaincy Team have been helping to brighten up the Memorial Garden. We were kindly donated plants, and our team have been busy installing them in the garden to create a lovely, shared space.

The Memorial Garden was opened in 2017 to remember staff and pupils that have died. We have created a new display outside the garden so that people can remember their loved ones. Pupils who would like to access the garden for remembrance can see Miss Rigby who will arrange an appropriate time.

Pope Francis wrote in the Encyclical *Laudato Si* in 2015 and encourages all to care for our creation. The gardening project has really helped us to focus on the beauty in creation, the importance of nurturing plants and making the environment something that everyone can enjoy. The pupils have taken part with joy and enthusiasm. If any pupils would like to join the gardening group, then please contact Miss Rigby. We meet Wednesday 2.45-3.30pm.

In May we planted a cherry blossom tree in memory of Layla Allen, who sadly died in 2025, her friends helped to plant the tree and had a time of prayer in the school grounds and we look forward to seeing the pink blossoms appear next year.

We were pleased to plant a tree recently in memory of Alfie who died aged 13 in 2023 and would have left school in Year 11 this year. The tree will give a glorious display in the Autumn as we return to school.

We pray for all from our community that have died.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen





Tapas Taste Test & Film Project in MFL

In MFL, we have had Tapas with Year 7 and Year 9 have enjoyed a film project on a Spanish speaking film set in El Salvador about the civil war in the 1980's. They have compared life in El Salvador compared to here and explored children's rights.



Life Size Board Game

Miss Kennetts Year 8 RE class have been learning about the five pillars of Islam. Miss Kennett took the class into the courtyard to play a life size board game, where the aim was to make it to the finish line first. They encountered the five pillars along the way.



Writing Competition



We are delighted to celebrate the success of our talented young writers in the national *Stranger Sagas* short story competition organised by Young Writers. An impressive 10 of our pupils have been selected to have their work published in the official anthology — a fantastic achievement in a nationwide competition. Their creativity and storytelling skills greatly impressed the judges, and we are incredibly proud of their success.

Congratulations to all involved!



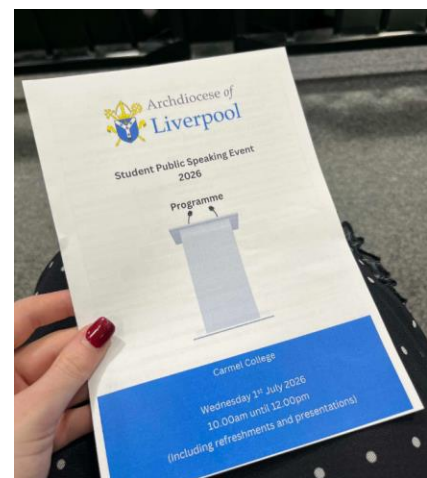
Spoken Language Competition – Carmel College

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of two Year 9 pupils who recently represented our school in a Spoken Language Competition at Carmel College. Both students demonstrated confidence, excellent communication skills and great courage in presenting their speeches to a wider audience. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the positive way they represented our school. Well done to both pupils on this fantastic achievement!



Día de los muertos

Year 7 Spanish students have been learning about the Mexican festival Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with Mrs Sinclair. As part of their studies, they explored the traditions and cultural significance of the celebration before creating their own colourful calaveras de azúcar (sugar skulls). The students demonstrated fantastic creativity, attention to detail, and artistic skills in their designs. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they combined language learning with an appreciation of Mexican culture. Well done to all of our talented Year 7 students!





Dot Art Awards

In June, Year 9 pupils Isla and Vedavyas were invited to St. George's Hall in Liverpool for the Dot Art Awards. They were both presented with certificates, and although we did not win the competition, Isla had her work put on display in the Walker Art Gallery as the highest placed entrant from our school. The event was fantastic, and was attended by pupils, families and staff from our school community.



Carmel College - Imagine Day



Some of our Year 10s attended Carmel College's Imagine Day to gain experience of post-16 education. The pupils participated in Nucleus Science Social Science and Creative Arts sessions.

Thank you to Carmel for hosting us and providing our students with this brilliant experience.

Cronton College - Year 10 Summer Sampling Day

Cronton & Riverside College hosted our Year 10s in Summer term, for their annual Sampling Day. Sampling Day provides our students with the opportunity to experience college life, explore new subjects and gain valuable insight into future pathways.





YEAR 11 PROM – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Our Year 11 Prom was a fantastic celebration and a wonderful way to mark the end of an important chapter in our students' school journey. Dressed in their finest attire, students arrived in style and enjoyed an evening filled with laughter, music, dancing, and lasting memories with friends and staff. It was a pleasure to see students enjoying themselves, capturing photographs, and making the most of this special occasion.

We would like to thank all the staff, organisers, and families who helped make the evening such a success. Most importantly, we congratulate our Year 11 students on everything they have accomplished during their time with us.

We wish every member of the Year 11 cohort the very best for their GCSE results and every success as they move on to the next stage of their education, training, or careers. We look forward to hearing about their future achievements.





In July, we welcomed our next cohort of Year 7s from their current primary schools, to spend a day with us...here's what they got up to!

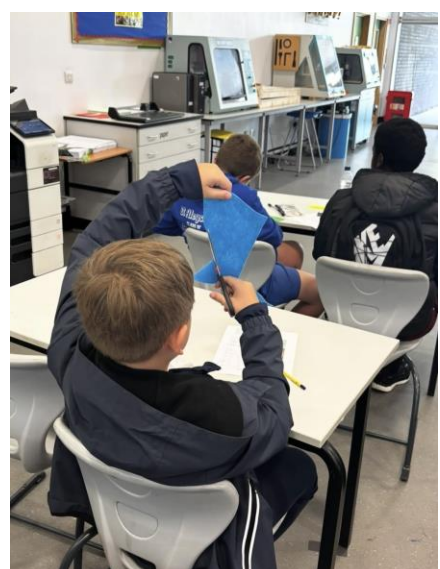
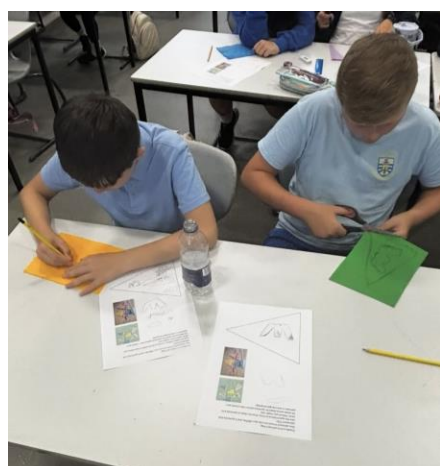
What a fantastic Transition Day!

Our future Year 7 pupils dove into the secondary school experience, starting with an inspiring talk from Mrs McKenna about their futures and how we'll support them every step of the way. We loved hearing about their ambitions-from artists and paleontologists to footballers and engineers!

The day was all about building confidence, meeting their form tutors, getting to know the classmates they'll share the next five years with, and making new friendships. We know moving to secondary school can feel daunting, so it was wonderful to see so many pupils stepping outside their comfort zones with smiles on their faces.

After enjoying breaktime with both familiar faces and new friends, pupils experienced a carousel of exciting workshops in History, Science, Art and PE, giving them a real taste of life at our school.

The feedback from our teachers was incredible - they were so impressed by the enthusiasm, curiosity and positivity shown throughout the day. They loved every moment, and we can't wait to welcome them back in September!



NEW SCHOOL

Starting a new school can seem very daunting, but it can also be an exciting new start. There are lots of reasons you may need to move school - starting secondary school or moving to somewhere new. Starting a new school can be scary, but there are things you can do to cope and help you feel positive. There are many resources available, Childline have particularly extensive information to support and advise parents and carers on navigating this testing time.

[Click here: Moving schools | Childline](#)

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TEEN IN THE HOLIDAYS

It can be challenging keeping your teen entertained over the summer. If you're looking for ideas of what to do to get your teenager off their technology and outside during the summer holiday, please click the link for some ideas (some even include chores). [What to do in the holidays](#)

STAY SAFE IN THE SUN

Hopefully we will see the sun during the summer holidays and whilst we all enjoy the nicer weather, it is important that we stay safe in the sun. Wear sunscreen – at least factor 30 with a four star UVB rating. Spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm. Check for heat exhaustion – ensure that you move into the shade. Stay hydrated – drink plenty of water

[The NHS website has further advice and guidance](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

ChatHealth Knowsley is a confidential text messaging service where young people can get advice on a range of health and wellbeing issues, including anxiety, exam stress, relationships, bullying, friendships, mental health, sleeping, and self-harm. The Chat Health text number operates Monday-Friday from 9am until 5pm. Messages will be responded to within 24 hours during this period. Outside these hours, service users will receive a 'bounce back' text message indicating that they will receive a response when the line re-opens.

The text number for Knowsley is: 07312 263254

Further information can be found by following the link: [ChatHealthKnowsley](#)

Liverpool CAHMS website which has links to many other providers who can offer advice and guidance: [LiverpoolCAMHS](#)

Knowsley SNAP (Sports, Nutrition and Active Play)

Our local name for the Holidays Activities and Food programme (HAF). Knowsley's HAF programme (Easter, Summer & Christmas School Holidays) is coordinated by One Knowsley in collaboration with Knowsley Council, thanks to funding from the Department for Education. HAF is designed to give children and young people, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM), the opportunity to: eat, move, learn, create, and connect.

Please follow the link for further information: [KnowsleySNAP](#)

Please regularly check back on this page for any Knowsley HAF and SNAP programme updates for children, young people and families.

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It is tempting for young people to go into water to cool off as the weather gets hotter but there are many dangers. An average of 304 UK and Irish citizens lose their life to drowning every year and there are many more non-fatal experiences. 49% of accidental drowning occur between May – August.

Please speak to your child about staying safe on or around water and follow the advice below:

- When visiting new places, take time to review safety notices.
- Find out what local signs and flags mean.
- Always look out for potential hazards and warn members of your group to avoid possible risks.
- Never use inflatables in open water - although they look fun, inflatable water toys can quickly get caught in the wind and be blown out to sea.
- Always choose to visit a lifeguarded venue.
- Swim with others. It's safer to swim in pairs or groups who can help should anyone get into trouble in the water.
- Be sure everyone in your group knows who to call in the event of an emergency.
- If you get stuck in quicksand or mud, do not stand up. Lie down, spread your weight, shout for help and move slowly in a breaststroke action towards the shore.

Further advice and guidance can be found on the following web pages: Water Safety Advice

www.rlss.org.uk

Safeguarding & Wellbeing Contacts

Who to contact if you have a safeguarding concern over half term:

To contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school, please email: safeguarding@pfcmat.org

Contact the Knowsley Children's Social Care on 0151 443 2600 or contact Merseyside Police on 101(24hr non-emergency number)

Liverpool CAMHS Crisis Team: 0151 293 3577

Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0800 800 5000, emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk or completing our report abuse online form.

Childline 0800 1111

999 for an emergency

Food Support

We understand that for some families, the school holidays can be a difficult time, with the additional pressures of food costs and the absences of school meals. No one should have to worry about how they'll provide for their family, and support is available. Local food banks and community services are here to help anyone in need, offering a safe, welcome space and access to essential items. Below are details of local food banks and social supermarkets, should you or someone you know need a little extra support over the holidays.

Knowsley Foodbank
Unit E, Beckett Close, L33 7XS

Trussell Trust Foodbank (St Helens)
Atherton Street, St Helens, WA10 2DT

Incredible Edibles
Huyton, L16 3NA

Kirkby Social Supermarket
Old Hall Lane, Kirkby, L32 5TH

Prescot & Whiston Social Supermarket
Old Colliery Road, Whiston, L35 3SX

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHER UPDATE

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Knowsley Council

Dear Parents / Carers

The Government's Household Support Fund has been funding food vouchers for children who receive free school meals during the school holidays.

However, the Government confirmed that this fund is now closed. This means that the free school meal vouchers distributed to parents during the school holidays will no longer be available.

In the absence of the Government funding, the Council were able to support with an additional one-off payment for food voucher over the recent May school holidays.

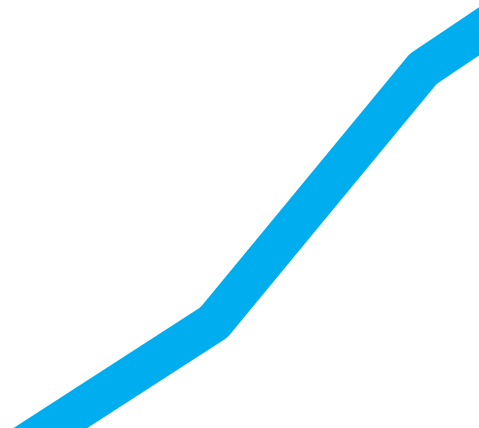
A comprehensive Holiday Activity and Food Programme will continue to be delivered during school holidays, providing both free activities and a meal for children who attend.

Information will be provided here - [Holiday activities and food for children and young people](#) nearer to the summer holidays.

If you do need any additional financial support, please visit [Financial advice and support | Knowsley Council](#)

Yours faithfully

Knowsley Council





Our Place Foodbank
Merseyside Youth Association

MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Our Place. Your Foodbank.

WEDNESDAY'S
11:00 - 14:00

MYA Our Place, Longview Drive,
Huyton, L36 6EG

Knowsley's first **Young Persons** Foodbank!

If you are **under 30** and struggling, we can help!

Come down to the Our Place Foodbank **every Wednesday** and we will be able to provide you with a parcel, no matter your circumstances.

Hygiene products are available, please speak to a member of staff for more details.

If you would like any more information, please **scan the QR code** below and get in touch!



SCAN ME

Eat Out Offers

The Summer holidays can be one of the most expensive times of year for families, with SIX weeks to fill, rising food costs and the added pressure of keeping children entertained. We have provided a list below of offers running through the Summer holidays.

- Asda Cafes - Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required, for the entire year (including half terms). In addition, children will receive a free piece of fruit such as an apple, a pear or a banana when buying the hot kids' £1 meal deal.
- Beefeater - Two children under 16 eat free breakfast with every paying adult unlimited breakfast.
- Morrisons -Kids eat free with the purchase of one adult main meal costing £5 or more, from the Breakfasts or Classics menu. Plus, the Morrisons and Kellogg's Breakfast Club is back, giving both kids and adults a free breakfast with no purchase required. Just ask for a "Kellogg's Breakfast" at the till and you'll get a free portion of Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies with milk (dairy or non-dairy) and a piece of fruit.
- Harvester – Kids eat for £1 with every adult meal.
- TESCO - One free kids' meal, breakfast or Pick 'n' Mix meal with any adult purchase (clubcard required)
- Pizza Hut - Kids eat free at Pizza Hut all day, every day. Treat your little ones to a pizza feast with the Pizza Hut kids buffet when you spend £9.99 on other food.
- Sizzling Pubs – Kids eat for £1 with every adult main meal from 12pm Mon-Fri

PLEASE CHECK DETAILS ONLINE BEFORE VISITING – T&C's MAY APPLY!

FOR FURTHER FOOD DEALS AND DAY OUT OFFERS, PLEASE VISIT

[Kids Eat Free Deals UK 2026 | Restaurants Where Kids Eat Free \(Family Save\)](#)

[Summer offers near L35 2XG — Summer Savings \(GOV.uk\)](#)

[Kids eat free summer holidays 2026: UK restaurant and café deals | Mumsnet](#)

FREE AND EXCITING, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

[Summer of Family Fun in Knowsley's Town Centres – Culture Knowsley](#)

Themed events will transform Huyton Village Centre throughout August, offering free entertainment, crafts, trails and family activities.

Saturday 1 August, 11am – 3pm Marvellous Markets

Browse unique handcrafted products, support talented local makers and enjoy a vibrant market atmosphere in the heart of Huyton.

Saturday 1 August, 11am – 3pm Come Alive Spectacular

Step right up for thrilling performances, stilt walkers, jugglers and show-stopping acts inspired by The Greatest Showman. Join circus workshops, meet the unforgettable Mr Business the orangutan and Captain Jon Voyage, and enjoy free face painting.

Saturday 15 August, 11am – 3pm Dinosaur Takeover

A prehistoric adventure awaits as dinosaurs take over Huyton. Meet roaming dino rangers and lifelike creatures, enjoy storytelling sessions, fossil digging and sit-on dinosaurs. Explore the Dinosaur Trail, take part in themed crafts at Huyton Village Green, dress up as a dino ranger, enjoy face painting and help to Name the Dino.

Saturday 29 August, 11am – 3pm Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Join Dorothy, the Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow for a magical journey through the Land of Oz. Featuring enchanting performances, storytelling and appearances from Glinda and Elphaba, this spellbinding event will delight visitors of all ages.

Don't miss the stilt walkers, Oz-themed crafts at Huyton Village Green, a Yellow Brick Road trail, face painting and plenty of Emerald City-inspired fun.

YOUTH ARTS SCHEME

**Free Lunch
and snacks**
**Activities
and more**
11am – 3.30pm



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connecting artists and communities

**Tuesday 28th July to
Friday 28th August**

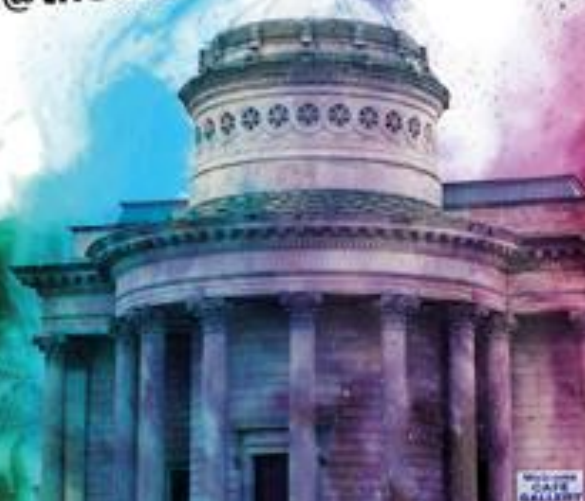
• Music • Dance
• Theatre • Arts • Cultural

Contact: 0151 709 5109
or admin@theblack-e.org



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connecting artists and communities



MUSEUM
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Attendance matters



We place a strong emphasis on good punctuality & attendance, supporting students by:

- ✦ Informing families by automated text, if their child arrives late.
- ✦ Awarding points for punctuality.
- ✦ Senior staff on duty outside the school gates each morning.
- ✦ Staff duty at lesson change-over.
- ✦ We email attendance records home to help parents monitor lateness.
- ✦ Exploring any possible pastoral reasons for lateness to school and/or lessons and providing appropriate support as required.
- ✦ Addressing issues of poor time -keeping with individual students and their parents/carers.

Parents can support punctuality by:

- ✦ Ensuring that their children get up in plenty of time to be ready and prepared for school.
- ✦ Discussing lateness to ensure this does not become a habit.
- ✦ Monitoring their child's attendance record and looking for patterns of lateness.
- ✦ Taking a proactive approach and communicating with the school if you have any concerns regarding your child's punctuality.

*If you require any support, please contact the Attendance Team on:
0151 477 8770 - option 1
seaca-attendance@seaca.pfcmat.org*



Saint Edmund Arrowsmith
Catholic Academy

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

SEACA-attendance@seaca.pfcmat.org

100% = 0 days of learning missed.

95% = 9 days of absence. 1 week and 4 days of learning missed.

90% = 19 days of absence. 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed.

85% = 28 days of absence. 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed.

80% = 38 days of absence. 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed.

75% = 46 days of absence. 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed.

If attendance falls to 90%, a child is likely to be missing 1 out of every 10 words they read or that are spoken by a teacher.

“**Excellent attendance =**
95% AND ABOVE”



Attendance Reward

We are incredibly passionate about rewarding students who attend regularly.

This half term we have celebrated attendance by awarding Just Eat vouchers, family food shop vouchers, places on reward trips and so much more.

During the final week of term, all year groups had a celebration assembly, where the best attenders were congratulated and presented with special badges to wear on their blazers and sweet treats to enjoy at home.

We took part in a trust-wide attendance incentive, whereby the high school in the trust with the best attendance in Summer term were visited by an ice cream van.

Remember, if students have any ideas for rewards, please share them with us!

The attendance team will be available during the summer holidays, on 25th August. If you require any support regarding attendance, please contact the team on SEACA-Attendance@Seaca.pfcmat.org





Year 7 and Year 11 return
on Wednesday 2nd
September

Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10
return on Thursday 3rd
September